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SUBJECT: TRANS CANADA PIPELINES ASKS REMOVAL OF LIMITS  
ON GAS EXPORT LICENSES

REF: OTTAWA 5993

1. TRANS CANADA PIPELINES LTD. HAS ASKED NATIONAL  
ENERGY BOARD (NEB) TO REMOVE LIMITS ON SIX NATURAL GAS  
EXPORT LICENSES TO ALLOW IT TO INCREASE SHORT-TERM GAS  
EXPORTS.

2. TRANS CANADA TOLD NEB IT WANTS TO OFFER ADDITIONAL  
GAS TO EXPORT CUSTOMERS IN ORDER TO UTILIZE EXCESS DE-  
LIVERABILITY AND FULLY UTILIZE COMPANY'S TRANSMISSION  
SYSTEM WHENEVER THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED WITHOUT IMPAIRING  
REQUIREMENTS OF CANADIAN CUSTOMERS.

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3. IF APPROVED, TRANS CANADA'S REQUEST WOULD PERMIT IT  
TO EXPORT AS MUCH OF DEVELOPING SURPLUS AS EXISTING  
FACILITIES COULD HANDLE IN PERIOD BEFORE ALASKA GAS  
BECOMES AVAILABLE. PROCESS WOULD BE SIMILAR TO EMERGENCY  
GAS EXPORTS NEB AUTHORIZED LAST WINTER, BUT DIFFERENT  
IN THAT ACCELERATED EXPORTS WOULD BE SUBTRACTED FROM  
LONG-TERM COMMITMENTS, HOLDING TOTAL EXPORTS AT SAME

LEVEL.

4. TRANS CANADA'S APPLICATION INVOLVES LICENSES FOR DELIVERY TO: GREAT LAKES TRANSMISSION CO. (TWO LICENSES), MIDWESTERN GAS TRANSMISSION CO. (THREE LICENSES) AND MICHIGAN WISCONSIN PIPE LINE CO. (ONE LICENSE). TRANS CANADA SAYS MIDWESTERN GAS AND MICHIGAN WISCONSIN PIPE LINE HAVE AGREED TO ACCEPT ACCELERATED GAS DELIVERIES.

5. COMMENT: NEB VICE CHAIRMAN JACK STABBACK TOLD EMBOFF JULY 22 THAT BOARD WILL SIT ON APPLICATIONS UNTIL GOC DECIDES NORTHERN GAS PIPELINE ISSUE. HE SAID IT IS NOT IN INTEREST OF EITHER TRANS CANADA OR ITS CUSTOMERS TO TAKE THIS STEP UNTIL ALASKAN GAS DELIVERY TO NORTHERN TIER STATES IS ASSURED. AND, ALTHOUGH STABBACK DID NOT SAY SO, BOARD CANNOT ACT UNTIL GOC DECIDES HOW, IF AT ALL, IT WILL RELATE GAS EXPORTS TO APPROVAL OF JOINT PIPELINE PROJECT. THIS, OBVIOUSLY, IS POLITICAL JUDGMENT AND CABINET PREROGATIVE. ENDERS

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